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Omahan, Kevin Lunt, to take Oath as Nebraska Supreme Court Certified Interpreter

LINCOLN – The Nebraska Supreme Court announces that Spanish-language interpreter, Mr. Kevin Lunt, has successfully passed the oral certification court interpreter exam sponsored by the Consortium of the National Center for State Courts.

Lunt will take his oath as a Nebraska Certified Court Interpreter in a ceremony to be held in Douglas County Courtroom # 30 in the Hall of Justice in Omaha on August 21, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. Honorable Jeffrey Marcuzzo of the Douglas County Court will preside over the event. Members of the public are invited to attend.

"All certified interpreters are to be sincerely congratulated for completing this rigorous course of study," said Judge Marcuzzo. "I cannot speak highly enough of these extremely dedicated individuals who ensure that our court proceedings are interpreted accurately and promptly. They are the voice of people in court, as well as the voice of the judge. Our system of justice could not function without them."

With the addition of Lunt, there are now 18 Spanish court interpreters who have been certified by the Nebraska Supreme Court.

Born and raised in Omaha, Lunt is a graduate of Burke High School and holds a double major from University of Nebraska at Omaha in Spanish and International Studies, specializing in Latin American studies. While attending UNO, he received the language department's "Honors Award." He participated in UNO's 'Cuernavaca homestay' program which entailed living in Mexico for a summer with a non-English speaking family.

As a result of his interest in archeology, Lunt has taken 12 trips to Mexico during the past 16 years and visited a majority of the main archeological zones throughout the country. He has studied Portuguese, French, Italian, Galician, Mandarin Chinese, Indonesian, Kanjopal, Lakota and German languages.

He has been employed as a full time Spanish interpreter for the Nebraska Medical Center since 2002 and has been interpreting for the Volunteer Lawyers Project with Nebraska State Bar Association since 2003.

Nebraska is one of thirty-two states who have joined the Consortium for State Court Interpreter Certification through the National Center for State Courts, whose sole purpose is to create court interpreter certification exams and administer those exams in order to provide for professional court interpreters for the member states.

**Contact Kenneth Wade at the Office of the State Court Administrator, 402-471-3730, concerning any aspect of the certification ceremony or the state interpreter program.**

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